

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2005

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, August 22, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:10 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos
Vice President Lesser
Treasurer Duba
Commissioner Freeman
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner ZeBrack

Introduction of audience followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and duly carried, with Commissioners Duba, Gravely and Lesser abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of August 8, 2005.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Davalos reviewed the Commission's progress with several goals from the last Commission Retreat. She suggested that at the next Commission Retreat the Commission could discuss its commitment to putting on events such as the 5k and community meetings next year.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported that August 26th is Women's Equality Day and reminded Commissioners that the California Governor's Conference is October 27, 2005 in Long Beach. Staff also requested Commissioners to provide copies of their renewed driver's license in order to process stipends.

CONSIDER \$500 DONATION TO MID WILSHIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COLLABORATIVE AWARDS

At the request of Commissioner Rodriguez, the Commission tabled this item until the next meeting.

APPROVE BUDGET FOR 2005 COMMISSION RETREAT

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a budget of up to \$2000 for the facilitator, facility and food for the 2005 Commission Retreat.

APPROVE TEXT FOR 2002-2004 STATUS REPORT

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and duly carried, with Commissioner Jernigan abstaining, the Commission approved the text to the 2002-2004 Status Report subject to amendments to be provided by commissioners by August 26, 2005.

CONSIDER NON-FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH GLENDALE COMMISSION

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Duba, and duly carried, with Commissioner Mummey abstaining, the Commission approved a non-financial partnership with the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women for *A Gathering of Sisters: A Women's Fair*, on October 29, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee: There was no report.

Domestic Violence Subcommittee: Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the subcommittee met this morning and reviewed materials from the presentations by Community Senior Services and the District Attorney's Office to the Commission on their domestic violence training programs. The Department of Human Resources will make a presentation on their domestic violence programs at the next meeting. The next subcommittee meeting will be November 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan reported that the Legislative Committee met this morning and discussed proposed legislation to possibly recommend to the Commission at a future meeting, including SB 840 and AB 978. She also commented on the Governor's Special Election and federal bill S 1197.

Older Women's Issues Committee: Commissioner Mummey spoke on women serving on jury panels and reported that the committee discussed issues related to women in prison and fair employment practices at its meeting on August 10th. She also reported that County Counsel is reviewing her proposed changes to the Commission's publication *The Legal Guide for Widows*.

President Davalos suggested that all committees write minutes of their meetings.

5k Run/Walk Subcommittee: Treasurer Duba reported that the subcommittee would meet today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830. She reported on sponsorship for the event and asked each Commissioner about her involvement in the event. She also presented raffle tickets and spoke on the need for donation of bottled water.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

PROPOSED NAME CHANGE TO THE 5K SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reviewed her memo requesting the Commission to consider changing the name of the 5k Scholarship, omitting reference to “Girls at Risk,” but emphasized that the criteria for scholarship would remain the same. Commissioners then discussed concerns that the name would not be consistent with the intent of the scholarship.

After Commissioner Becerra-Jones withdrew her proposal, Commissioners requested her to look into defining the term “Girls at Risk.”

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Becerra-Jones announced the next subcommittee meeting would be September 8, 2005 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 374L. She confirmed that the Scholarship Opportunities Workshop would not be held this year but proposed holding it in Spring of 2006. President Davalos suggested that the Commission look at its commitment to this and other projects at the Annual Commission Retreat.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rone Ellis and Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Lesser announced the American Heart Association’s Heart Walk LA at the Home Depot Center in Carson on September 18, 2005. For more information access web site www.heartwalkla.org.

Commissioner Freeman reported that she attended the New Commissioners’ Orientation on July 28, 2005 at the Hall of Administration.

Commissioner Jernigan spoke on a rally concerning social security cuts and announced the Rally on Gas Price Hikes at the Downtown Federal Building on August 31, 2005 at noon.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that she will be meeting with a prospective sponsor of the Awards Luncheon and announced her daughter’s participation in an engineering project at U.C.L.A. She also expressed interest in the Commission holding meetings with international delegations of women.

The Commission requested staff to contact the County Office of Protocol to look into the possibility of setting up international exchange meetings.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported she attended the ACCW Quarterly Meeting on August 12, 2005 in Glendale and provided a schedule of ACCW meetings. She also announced the next ACCW Annual Convention in San Diego next year. She also announced that the Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative was accepting

nominations for the Intimate Violence Prevention Awards. Finally, she participated in a GAIN meeting at the DPSS Office on Vermont Avenue on August 16, 2005.

Commissioner Freeman expressed interest in attending the next ACCW Quarterly Meeting in Alameda County.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Davalos adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Karin Davalos, President
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President
Reiko Duba, Treasurer
Wadie Gravely
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Peggy J. Freeman
Ruth Jernigan
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Olivia Rodriguez
Elise ZeBrack

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Debi Biederman
Dr. Genevieve Clavreul
Rone Ellis
Kurt Freeman